

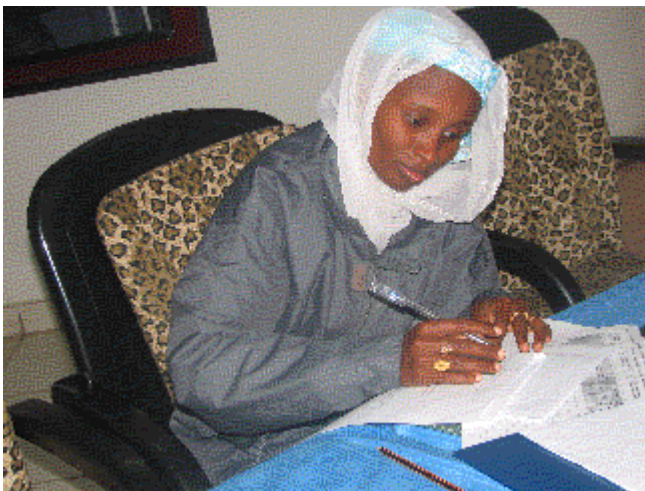
Heading:

DELIVER TRAINS NIGERIAN HIV/AIDS PROGRAM PHYSICIANS TO MANAGE THEIR ANTI-RETROVIRAL DRUGS

Subheading:

HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS LEARN GOOD ANTI-RETROVIRAL DRUG SUPPLY PRACTICES

Dr. Batulu Isa Muhammad (jpeg.69) and Dr. Friday Jibrin (jpeg.24) are physicians who treat HIV positive people in their hospitals in Northern Nigeria. They know that they need to keep a supply of life-saving anti-retroviral drugs in their hospital pharmacies because their patients could eventually become ill or die without these drugs. For that reason, they value the drug logistics management training that they received from DELIVER, a USAID-funding project.



Dr. Batulu Isa Mohammad

“Honestly, this is the best HIV/AIDS training that I have ever taken,” said Dr. Mohammad. “It is also one of the most important because learning to manage drugs is essential for the success of the program. Health care providers and patients alike benefit from it so much.” She was particularly pleased with the inventory control system taught in the course because it allows her to avoid stockouts and oversupplies of drugs and also enables a timely distribution of drugs to her hospital.

Dr. Jibrin echoed Dr. Mohammad’s sentiments. “I received great benefit from the training,” he said. “It will improve our hospital services in the areas of storage and drug requisitions and transfers. The training equipped me with the relevant skills for effective logistics operations and I will thus become a better manager of our ARV drug system.”



Dr. Friday Jibrin

Indeed, Dr. Muhammad recommended expansion of the training to include more categories of participants. At present, physicians, pharmacists, and laboratory scientists receive instruction, but Dr. Muhammad believes that hospital record keepers should also receive ARV drug logistics training because they work so closely with health care professionals. She also recommended that hospital managers receive training so that they better appreciate the importance of good logistics management and therefore better monitor supplies. Through this training, all hospital personnel involved in logistics management can therefore understand its relevance of good logistics practices and take responsibility for them.

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